

Setting up of agro-processing units in the producing areas to reduce wastage, especially of horticultural produce, increased value addition and creation of off-farm employment in rural areas will be encouraged with a view to ensuring a better return to the grower. Collaboration between the producer cooperatives and the corporate sector will be encouraged to promote agro-processing industry. The Small Farmers Agro Business Consortium (SFAC) will be energized to cater to the needs of farmer entrepreneurs and promote public and private investments in agri-business.

The approach to land reforms will focus on area like redistribution of surplus and waste lands among the landless, updating and improvement of land records, development of lease markets and recognition of women's right in land.

Private sector participation will be promoted through contract farming and land leasing arrangements to allow accelerated technology transfer, capital inflow and assured markets for crop production, especially of oilseeds, cotton and horticultural crops.

#### Central schemes for agricultural production in Bihar

†1382. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and programmes being implemented by the Central Government to increase agricultural production in Bihar, during the last three years; and

(b) the financial assistance provided to Bihar by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The details of Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation for development of agriculture in Bihar during the last three years are given in the Statement. (See below).

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(b) The details of financial assistance provided to Government of Bihar under the above Schemes are as follow:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Amount
1998-99	591.46
1999-2000	546.20
2000-2001	386.00

**Statement**

*Details of Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes under Implementation in Bihar*

S.No.	Name of the Scheme
1.	Integrated cereal development programme-Rice
2.	Sustainable development of sugarcane based cropping system
3.	Special Jute Development Programme
4.	National Pulses Development Project
5.	Oilseed Production Programme
6.	Accelerated maize development programme
7.	National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas
8.	Balance and Integrated use of Fertiliser
9.	National Project on Development and use of Bio-fertilizers
10.	Scheme for foundation and certified seed production of vegetable crops
11.	Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation amongst small farmers
12.	Exchange of farmers with in the country
13.	Farmers Scientists interaction
14.	Agri. Extension through Voluntary Organisation
15.	State Land use Boards
16.	Soil Conservation in the Catchment of River Valley Project
17.	Soil Conservation in the Catchment of Flood prone rivers
18.	E.E.C. Alkali Reclamation Project
19.	Damoder Valley Corporation
20.	Development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants

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S.No.	Name of the Scheme
21.	Use of Plastics in Agriculture
22.	Development of Commercial Floriculture
23.	Development of Mushroom
24.	Integrated Dev. of Tropical, Arid Temperate Zone Fruits
25.	Development of Root & Tuber Crops
26.	Development of Vegetable
27.	Integrated Development of Spices
28.	Development of Beekeeping
29.	Development of Betelvine
30.	Strengthening of State Bio control labs under integrated Pest Management Centres
31.	Investment in Debentures of LDB's
32.	Agriculture Stabilisation Fund
33.	Assistance to Women Cooperatives
34.	Timely Reporting Scheme
35.	Improvement of Crop Statistics
36.	Livestock Census
37.	Agriculture Census

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#### **Rehabilitation of Earthquake Victims in Gujarat**

†1383. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government so far to resolve the problem of rehabilitation of orphans, widows and old aged people rendered helpless by the earthquake in Gujarat; and

(b) the names of Government and Non Government Organizations engaged in the service of the helpless persons, orphans and widows affected by the earthquake by extending their cooperation sincerely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected from the State Government.

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